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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 524
By Pleasant

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Brooks Edward
McDonald on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to recognize our youth for their commitment to the development of character, self-reliance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people, ages six to twenty, with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Brooks Edward McDonald, after considerable efforts and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, before turning eighteen, a young man must earn twenty-one merit badges to be considered for the honor of being an Eagle Scout, twelve of which are required badges and nine are of his own personal choice; and

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WHEREAS, requirements for Eagle also include a demonstration of the Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath; and

WHEREAS, a Scout must serve in leadership positions within the troop before planning and executing the Eagle Scout Project, which is to be of great service to a religious institution, school, or the Scout's community; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout receives approval of his project from the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and the Council before he embarks upon his momentous task; and

WHEREAS, all Eagle Scouts have a Scoutmaster Conference and must successfully complete an Eagle Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the son of Keith and Patty McDonald, and the brother of Ryan, Brooks is a sophomore at Bolton High School, where he has earned a high 3.8 grade point average; an avid outdoorsman, his hobbies include camping, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Brooks' grandparents, Warren and Dorothy Pattison, and Charles and the late Nell McDonald, join his parents and brother in familial pride over Brooks' honor of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, his other recent accomplishments include having earned the HOBY Award (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award), which is given to only one sophomore student per high school; and

WHEREAS, Brooks' exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of his Boy Scout troop includes having earned more than twenty-one merit badges and having exhibited excellent leadership; and

WHEREAS, Brooks' Eagle project benefited his community and the state of Tennessee, and reflected the fine traditions of the Volunteer State: he worked at the Davies Plantation in Memphis, helping to dismantle the old horse barn to move it to a more historical location and, in an effort to preserve history, Brooks also helped move a portion of the Ellen Davies Library from a dilapidated building to a historical building; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Edward McDonald is also a faithful member of the Brownsville Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, young men of honor and integrity, who exemplify the true spirit of America, faithfully deserve this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Brooks Edward McDonald on becoming an Eagle Scout and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.